WP No. 1481 (SS) 2004

Hon'ble M.M. Ghildiyal, J

Heard Sri Anil Kumar Joshi, learned counsel for the petitioner and Sri V.B.S. Negi, learned Standing Counsel for Union of India.

Learned counsel for both the parties are agreed to decide the petition finally at this admission stage itself.

By means of this writ petition, the petitioner has prayed to issue a writ in the nature of certiorari quashing the order dated 14.1.2003 passed by Sr. Superintendent of Post Office, Nainital by the petitioner was put under suspension. Petitioner was working as Deputy Post Master, Head Office, Haldwani. Chargesheet was issued to the petitioner on 3.9.2003 and petitioner has already given reply to the charge laid against him within fifteen days from the date of receipt of chargesheet.

The contention of the petitioner is that more than a year has been passed inquiry has yet not been concluded. Petitioner is suffering from hardships.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that as per Rule 14 of CCS (CCA) Rules 1965 inquiry shall be concluded within three months. In the petitioner's case more than a year has passed but the inquiry has not been concluded.

In the facts and circumstances stated above I direct the Disciplinary Authority as well as the Inquiry Officer to conclude the inquiry within a period of two months.

After inquiry is concluded Disciplinary Authority shall pass final order within a period of two week.

Within this direction the petitioner is finally disposed of.

16.12.2004 **(M.M. Ghildiyal, J.)**

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